



CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Minutes of the April 2, 2007 Meeting



- Commissioners Present:** Michele Castro; Martin David, Chairperson; Jackie Moore; and Al Silva
- Commissioners Absent:** Marwan Fawal (unexcused); P.J. Vaswani (excused)
- Staff Liaison:** Pam Morrison, Staff Liaison
- Visitors:** Annie Methany-Pyle, Santa Clara Chorale; Jim Narveson, Santa Clara Players and Mission City Opera; Maxine Lukins, Santa Clara Players; George Rivera, Preston Metcalf, Jill Meyers, Ester Fernandez, and Chris Chang-Weeks, Triton Museum of Art; Dennis Mullin, Santa Clara Ballet Association.

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION – None.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Chair David. Commissioner Castro moved to excuse Commissioner Vaswani; Commissioner Silva seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes from the March 5, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Castro moved to accept the minutes as presented; Commissioner Moore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Action on the February 5, 2007 minutes was deferred to the May 7, 2007 meeting.
3. **Correspondence & Announcements:**
 - a. Staff reviewed the correspondence received by the Commission, including the spring 2007 issue of ArtsLink from Americans for the Arts; a brochure announcing the upcoming CompassPoint workshops; and information about a proposed joint project between Central Park Library and the Muslim Community Association (MCA) called “Understanding Islam.”
4. **New Business**
 - a. **Santa Clara Chorale – Request for Funding from Recent Production.** Annie Methany-Pyle updated the Commission on the Chorale and its activities. She presented a funding request for the Chorale’s March 16-18, 2007 concert, “Songs of the Heart, Land, and Spirit,” which was budgeted in the 2006-07 fiscal year. Commissioner Castro made a motion to release payment of \$3,400 to the Chorale, which was seconded by Commissioner Silva. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. **Presentations by Community-Based Organizations Requesting Funding for the 2007-08 Fiscal Year.** The Commission welcomed representatives from the Santa Clara Chorale, Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara Players, Mission City Opera, and Santa Clara Ballet to apply for funding for fiscal year 2007-08. Each group made a brief presentation to the Commission. Staff

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had previously requested the groups to limit funding requests to no more than current budget allocations. Final recommendations for Council's consideration will be made at the May meeting.

Community Group	Current Funding	2007-08 Request
Triton Museum	290,000	290,000
Santa Clara Ballet ¹	13,000	13,500
Santa Clara Chorale ²	10,200	11,764
Santa Clara Players	5,760	5,760
Mission City Opera ³	5,000	10,000
TOTALS	\$323,960	\$331,024

¹ Santa Clara Ballet Association is requesting an increase in funding for fiscal year 2007-08 (\$500, a 3.8% increase) to offset increased production costs. Mr. Mullen noted that when the City requested groups to keep their budget requests flat in fiscal year 2003-04, the Ballet voluntarily decreased its request by 5%. Mr. Mullen expressed his hope that the Commission would consider this when making its funding recommendations.

² Santa Clara Chorale is requesting a 15% increase.

³ Mission City Opera is requesting a return to their funding level of fiscal year 2002-03, which would result in a 50% increase.

5. **Unfinished Business**

- a. **Concerts in the Park – Update.** Performance agreements will be sent to performers during the month of April. Early promotion of the concert series will begin this month with an article in the spring issue of the Recreation Guide, to be followed by articles in the next issues of Inside Santa Clara and Mission City Scenes. Concerts will also be advertised on the City's cable channel and website.
- b. **Sculpture Exhibition 2007 – Update.** Plans for the opening reception include children's art activities provided by the Triton Museum, music during the opening reception (performer to be determined), refreshments provided by the City cafeteria. The Vice Mayor and the City Manager have confirmed their attendance. Commissioners were asked to arrive to help with the opening reception by 12:30 pm on April 21.

The first sculptures have been placed and the rest will arrive during the first week in April. Some complaints have been received about the perceived content/message of one of the pieces; staff will follow up and respond. Chair David offered to assist in preparing a response.

- c. **Street Dance 2007 – Update.** The Commission agreed that no changes would be made to the number booths for the street dance, and the same vendors would be asked to participate again this year.
- d. **Development of Art in Public Places Brochure for City Website.** No report.
- e. **Triton Museum of Art – Report of Activities.** Staff distributed the Triton monthly report of activities for the month of March 2007.

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6. **Public Presentations.** None.

7. **Adjournment.** As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 7, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Castro
Recording Secretary